

(12) UK Patent Application (19) GB (11) 2 326 306 (13) A

(43) Date of A Publication 16.12.1998

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (21) Application No 9712340.0 | (51) INT CL ⁶ H04L 12/46 12/66 |
| (22) Date of Filing 14.06.1997 | (52) UK CL (Edition P) H4K KTK KTM H4P PPA |
| (71) Applicant(s) Northern Telecom Limited (Incorporated in Canada - Quebec) World Trade Center of Montreal, 380 St Antoine Street West, 8th Floor, Montreal, Quebec H2Y 3Y4, Canada | (56) Documents Cited EP 0797331 A2 EP 0473068 A1 WO 96/06493 A1 US 5586261 A US 5581552 A US 5528590 A |
| (72) Inventor(s) Nancy M Greene Simon Daniel Brueckheimer Vahe Balabanian | (58) Field of Search UK CL (Edition P) H4K KTK KTM, H4P PPA INT CL ⁶ H04L 12/46 12/66 ONLINE : WPI |
| (74) Agent and/or Address for Service Nortel Patents London Road, HARLOW, Essex, CM17 9NA, United Kingdom | |

(54) Abstract Title
Telecommunications network

(57) A communications network configuration comprises a packet network to which a plurality of terminals are connected, a service provider network, a circuit switched network provided intermediate the packet and service provider networks. A distributed gateway provides an interface between the circuit switched network and the service provider and packet networks whereby to effect access of the packet network to services provided by the service provider network.

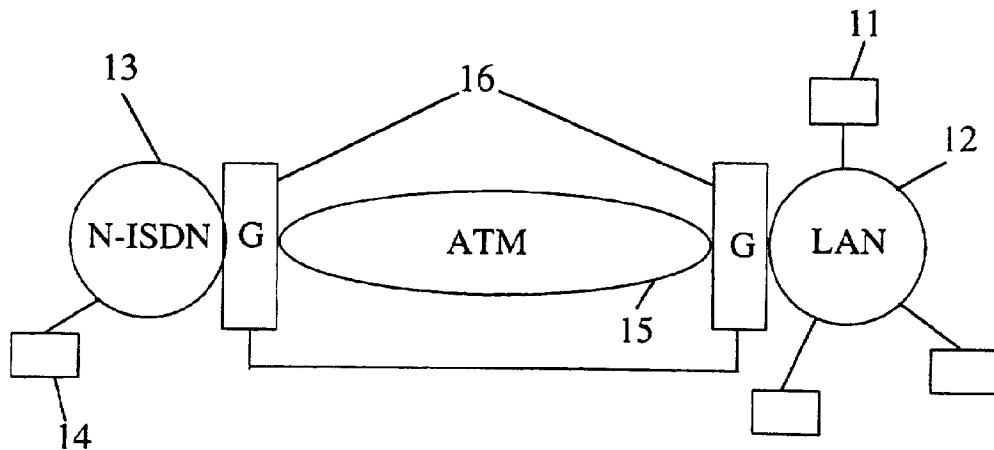


Fig.1

GB 2 326 306 A